



POTENTIAL LIMITATION TO TEN OF THE NUMBER OF CLAIMS IN ANY PATENT

Ref. Department of Commerce, US PTO 37 CFR Part 1.

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Notice of proposed rule making, with Comment Deadline Date
of May 3, 2006.

I do not know the outcome of this proposal, while I was
overseas.

In the event that this rule making was adopted, I propose to
reduce the Number of Claims from 25 to 10, by cancelling the following
Claims, which I consider as less important.

Claim 68

Claim 69

Claim 70

Claim 71

Claim 72

Claim 74

Claim 75

Claim 76

Claim 77

Claim 78

Claim 79

Claim 80

Claim 81

Claim 82

Claim 85

Claims remaining pending and subject to Examination would then be:

Claim 66, Independent

Claim 67, dependent from Claim 66

Claim 73, dependent from Claim 67

Claim 83, dependent from Claim 67

Claim 84, dependent from Claim 67

Claim 86, Independent

Claim 87, dependent from Claim 86

Claim 88, dependent from Claim 87

Claim 89, dependent from Claim 86

Claim 90, dependent from Claim 86

They would, of course, have to be re-numbered, from 91 to 100.

This will indeed reduce the Examiner's work. One of my Patents was re-issued three times, with a total number of Claims exceeding 300, so I figure that it would now take at least 30 re-issues, at a horrendous fee-cost, to satisfy such a very limiting rule, if, indeed, it has been adopted. This total cost will certainly eliminate all possibility of an Individual's or of a Small Entity's prosecution of his Patent Application, unless the invention is limited to very simple (FIG.7) "gadgets", such as those "pipe-thread protectors", which I abandoned.

Is this the "New Way" of developing advanced technologies, in "mature" fields, other than in Information Technology, or software, in the US ?